

## Tuesday September 7, 2010

### Agenda

- Warm up #6 (The Boa Constrictor)
- Library
- Introduction to story and vocab

### Homework Log

- Spelling workbook pg 9
- Define vocabulary words from Grandma's Tales pg 50



### **What you missed if you were absent yesterday...**

- Warm up #5 (The Armadillo)
- Spelling Test
- Vocabulary Quiz

### Homework Log

- No additional homework



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## THE BOA CONSTRICTOR

The boa constrictor is a large snake living in Central and South America. This large snake lives alone. Some people keep boas in the home to hunt rats. The boa constrictor is an endangered, protected animal.

Boa constrictors are carnivores, which means that they eat meat. They are mostly nocturnal animals, hunting at night. A boa constrictor does not bite its prey; it actually squeezes its prey to death. The boa then swallows its prey whole, usually head first, and lets the food digest inside its stomach. The stomach has very strong acids that digest the food. Boa constrictors have been known to eat small mammals, birds, and other reptiles. Once the boa has eaten, it does not need to eat for a few weeks. It takes that long to digest all the food!

Boa constrictors are cold-blooded animals. This means that they assume approximately the same temperature as their environment. They grow year after year to be one of the biggest snakes. They can get up to 10 feet long and weigh over 60 pounds. They are typically colored brown, black, or tan and come in a variety of patterns.

### STORY QUESTIONS

- Where in the passage would you find out what the boa constrictor eats?
  - end of the first paragraph
  - middle of the third paragraph
  - end of the second paragraph
  - the title
- What does the boa constrictor have that helps it digest its food?
 

a. claw-like teeth	c. strong muscles
b. wings	d. stomach acids
- The writer probably wrote this passage to . . .
  - warn humans about the boa constrictor.
  - enlighten farmers to the benefits of boa constrictors.
  - determine the genealogy of the boa constrictor.
  - inform the reader about the boa constrictor.
- Which of the following is not a fact about the boa constrictor?
  - The boa constrictor can weigh over 60 pounds.
  - The boa constrictor does not chew its food.
  - The boa constrictor is green in color.
  - The boa constrictor can get up to 10 feet long.